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## nucleoside phosphorylase

Any of the enzymes of the sub-subclass pentosyltransferases [EC 2.4.2] that catalyze phosphorylation of a nucleoside to form the free base and a ribose (or deoxyribose) as a step in the degradation of nucleic acids and nucleotides. See also [purine-nucleoside phosphorylase](#) and [pyrimidine-nucleoside phosphorylase](#).

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